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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003 by three months. With the extension, the response is due on or before September 25, 2003. A check for \$465.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(3) for a small entity.

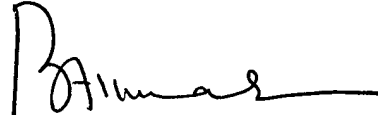
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Respectfully submitted,



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